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Following is summary situation NATO parliamentarians Conference Paris as of evening November 15:

Conference opened in morning with speech by French Senator Debre critical of UK-US decision send arms Tunisia. Following 10-minute recess requested by French delegation Plenary reconvened. French delegation made statement (POLTO CIRC 8) denouncing "brutal and unjustified" action two NATO powers and withdrawing from conference. Whereupon French delegation walked out.

As reported POLTO CIRC 7, Conference Plenary session requested Standing Committee seek means persuade French return to participate in conference, and various expressions of regret were made by numerous delegations at French decision walkout.

Although previously envisaged schedule was thrown into disorder by events of morning, committee and plenary sessions proceeded meet throughout rest of day without presence of French and continued conduct business.

Military committee met at 11 to finalize report to conference. Seven points regarding strengthening and perfecting defense completely acceptable to US members committee, with critical and objectionable features report laid before committee Monday removed.

Both military committee resolution and Jackson report scientific and technical personnel adopted unanimously by Plenary.

General Affairs Committee presented three resolutions to conference late afternoon to be acted upon Saturday morning.

(1) Javit's resolution urging NATO Council to examine means of assisting UN High Commissioner for refugees with problem of

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250,000 refugees in western Europe;

(2) Request to Standing Committee Parliamentarians to study proposals for Atlantic Institute and cooperate with groups interested this objective;

(3) Recommendation NATO issue publication describing achievements of NATO, Atlantic Community and friendly nations as counter to Soviet propaganda. Javits US also gave resume in economic field and will present resolution Saturday relating to future attention Parliamentarians this aspect NATO.

Statements by various groups US Parliamentary delegation concerning US-UK decision ship arms Tunisia issued to press during course of afternoon (see separate telegrams carrying text).

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